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REMARKS

Claims 20, 21, 23, 24 and 26-35 were addressed in the subject office action.

Claims 20, 21, 34 and 35 have been allowed.

Claims 27-29 have been deemed allowable but are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim (claim 23).

Claims 23-26 and 30-33 stand rejected.

In response to the office action, all of the rejected claims have been amended to depend from allowed or allowable claims. Specifically, independent claim 23 has been canceled and replaced by a new dependent claim 36, which depends from allowed claim 34 and should therefore be allowable. Dependent claims 24 and 26 - 33, which were previously dependent from claim 23, have been amended to depend from allowed claim 34, and should therefore be allowable as well.

The amendment to claim 31 is made to resolve ambiguity in that claim regarding which electrode is described in that claim.

The amendment to claim 34 now permits any portion of the switching circuit to be connected to the FET gate. Since neither of the applied references show any part of a switching circuit connected to an FET gate, this amendment does not alter the allowability of the claim.

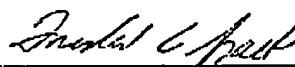
New claim 37 depends from claim 34 and specifies that the switching device of the switching circuit is connected to the FET gate, just as claim 34 did when it was allowed. Claim 37 thus defines the same subject matter as claim 34 did prior to the current amendment.

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Since none of the foregoing amendments raise any new issues of patentability, the issuance of a Notices of Allowability and Allowance is respectfully requested.

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